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REMARKS

The Office Action and prior art relief upon have been carefully considered. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Velazquez for holding an interview with the Attorney of record on April 26, 2004. During the course of the interview, the following points were covered by the attorney of record. Pages 2, 4 and 10 have been amended to clearly set forth two uses for the present invention. The first is to treat a fabric with an impregnating material that will remove harmful substances that are generated by new building materials. It is well known that plastics and chemical additives in building materials "off-gas" and many individuals are allergic to such airborne pollutants.

However, claims 16 and 17 of the present application are directed to the second aspect of the present invention dealing with the prevention and treatment of bedsores by a bedridden patient. As disclosed in the description it is well known that such bed sores are caused by such harmful substances generated by a patient's skin which would normally be carried by sweat and oil secretions of the skin. Because bedridden patient's do not move, the substances stagnate on the skin and cause bed sore conditions. This fact is well known by those skilled in the art. However, the present invention offers a new application whereby an impregnated material located in proximity to a patient's body is capable of removing the odor and basically neutralizing harmful substances of such secretions.

Claims 16 and 17 have been amended to clarify the specific embodiment of the invention dealing with the prevention of bed sore. During the course of the interview with the Examiner, she indicated that the foregoing amendments to the specification and claims do clarify the separate uses of the claimed textile material.

Neither of the references cited, taken singly or in any reasonable combination meet the claimed invention.

The Japanese reference JP '274 uses a copper coating as a deodorant for the textile. There is no impregnation of threads as required by claims 16 and 17. The graph polymerization is performed so that the copper will adhere well to the fabric.

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The reference to Elsh is directed to a tightly woven fabric for pillows and mattresses wherein the fabric is coated with anti-bacterial, fungal and static materials. There is no teaching of impregnating the deodorant into the fabric, nor of using graft polymerization.

Thus, even the combination of references fails to disclose a fabric having the deodorant and harmful substance neutralizing agent impregnated into the threads followed by a graft polymerization. Accordingly, the amended claims are believed to avoid the prior art and also avoid the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21900-00034-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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